

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post-office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled THICKNESS MEASURING DEVICE, HAVING IMPROVED SOFTWARE, FOR USE WITHIN A MAIL HANDLING SYSTEM, AND A METHOD OF USING THE SAME, the specification of which

 x is attached hereto
 was filed on as United States Patent
 Application Serial Number , and was amended on
 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this patent application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):			Priority Claimed
<u> </u> (Number)	<u> </u> (Country)	<u> </u> (Day, Month, Year Filed)	Yes
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120, of any United States patent application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this patent application is not disclosed in the prior United States patent application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior patent application and the national or PCT international filing date of this patent application:

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